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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **Man Arrested for June 2016 Aggravated Robbery Investigated by Gang Unit**

Date & Time: Saturday, June 18, 2016 @ 5:15 p.m.  
Location: 11510 block of Cheryl Ladd  
Arrested: 23-year old Juan MENDEZ of El Paso, TX

EL PASO, TEXAS: The El Paso Police Department's Gang Unit was called to assist with an Aggravated Robbery with "shots fired" on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> on El Paso Eastside. The investigation revealed that 23-year old Juan MENDEZ has arraigned an illegal narcotics transaction with the victims (19-year old Male/20-year old Male). During the meeting MENDEZ and others attempted to seal the drugs from the victims at gunpoint. The victim's personal property was taken and MENDEZ displayed a firearm and discharged rounds at the victims. Investigators secured a warrant for the arrest of MENDEZ in June and were unable to locate him. On Thursday, June 9, 2016 the U.S. Marshal's Lone Star Fugitive Task Force located MENDEZ in an apartment complex on Ridge on El Paso's Westside. MENDEZ fled from Task Force Officers and was caught after a brief foot pursuit. MENDEZ was booked into the El Paso County Jail on the follow offenses: Aggravated Assault Date/Family/House with Weapon (bond \$10,000.00), Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Violence (No Bond), Sexual Assault (No Bond), Aggravated Robbery (bond \$175,000.00), Evading Arrest Detention (bond 45,000.00), and eight outstanding municipal court warrants.

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